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ROME FOR FODAG

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: ETRD DA

SUBJECT: US PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSION OF GRAIN RESERVES

REF: STATE 279906

1. DANES HAVE NOT YET FORMULATED THEIR POSITION

ON US PROPOSAL FOR LONDON MEETING IN FEBRUARY TO INITIATE DISCUSSION ON FOOD RESERVES ARRANGEMENT (REFTEL) THEY APPEAR TO BE WAITING FOR WORD FROM BRUSSELS ON SCHEDULING OF EC DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. IN A JANUARY 10 DISCUSSION WITH THE FONOFF (NETTERSTROM) WE GATHER THAT WHILE DANES HAD BEEN SYMPATHETIC TO US PROPOSAL ON FOOD SECURITY AT WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE THEY FEEL OBLIGATED TO STICK WITH EC POSITION ON THIS ISSUE. METTERSTROM RECALLED THAT AT WFC, EC TOOK POSITION FAVORING AN INTERNATIONAL GRAINS AGREEMENT WITHIN WHICH STOCKPILING WOULD BE INCORPORATED IN THE CON TEXT OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. ASSUMING THE FRENCH WILL WANT TO CONTINUE TO HOLD TO THIS POSITION, NETTERSTROM FEARED THERE WOULD BE CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN REACHING AN AGREED EC MANDATE FOR THE COMMISSION AT THE LONDON MEETING. CONSEQUENTLY NETTERSTROM WANTS TO SENSE THE PREVAILING WINDS IN THE COMMUNITY BEFORE FORMULATING THE DANISH POSITION.

3. NETTERSTROM SAW THE MAJOR ADVANTAGE IN THE US PROPOSAL (IE OPERATING AT LEAST INITIALLY WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL FORUM) AS THAT OF PERMITTING BOTH THE SOVIETS AND CHINESE TO PARTICIPATE--WHICH WOULD NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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BE THE CASE UNDER THE GATT. NONETHLESS HE THOUGH THE COMMUNITY WOULD GIVE THE US CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE ON ITS INITIATIVE. DUNNIGAN

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